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45. The device of claim 6 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.

- 46. The device of claim 7 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.
- 47. The device of claim 8 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.
- 48. The device of claim 19 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.
- 49. The device of claim 20 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.
- 50. The device of claim 21 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.
- 51. The device of claim/22 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.
- 52. The device of claim 23 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.
- 53. The device of claim 24 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.
 - 54. An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising: a substrate having a front surface and a rear surface;

an aluminum nitride insulating film containing therein at least one of carbon and oxygen provided under said rear surface of the substrate; and

a transistor provided over said front surface of the substrate, said transistor having at least a channel formation region comprising crystalline silicon, a gate insulating film adjacent to said channel formation region, and a gate electrode adjacent to said channel formation region with said gate insulating film interposed therebetween;

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an interlayer insulating film having a leveled upper surface over said thin film transistor; and

a pixel electrode over said interlayer insulating film.

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- 55. The device of claim 54 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.
 - 56. The device of claim 54 wherein said substrate is a glass substrate.

57. An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising: a substrate having a front surface and a rear surface;

an aluminum nitride insulating film containing therein at least one of carbon and oxygen provided over said front surface of the substrate;

a transistor provided over said aluminum nitride insulating film, said transistor having at least a channel formation region comprising crystalline silicon, a gate insulating film adjacent to said channel formation region, and a gate electrode adjacent to said channel formation region with said gate insulating film interposed therebetween;

an interlayer insulating film having a leveled upper surface over said thin film transistor, and

a pixel electrode over said interlayer insulating film.

- 58. The device of claim 57 wherein said channel formation region is crystallized by laser irradiation through an insulating film.
 - 59. The device of claim 57 wherein said substrate is a glass substrate.--

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